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NEW GATEWAY TO HIGHLAND

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission will fund this design and a major part of the construction.



NEW BRIDGE FOR TROUBLED WATERS – AND GOOD DAYS, TOO!

Construction of a new bridge deck over the Little Calumet River at Kennedy Avenue will do more than keep traffic moving when water levels hit flood stage.

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission flood-control project will create a stunning new gateway to the north end of Highland.

When town leaders were told the bridge needed to be replaced, Public Works Director John Bach said a conversation began to enhance the bridge, making it a showpiece for north Kennedy Avenue.

As a result, paved paths were added for pedestrians and bicycles along with architectural aesthetics, landscaping and benches.

It's not only Highland advocating for the changes. Bach said Hammond officials are also in agreement. Both communities will be chipping in for nonessential costs of the project, which gets under way this spring.

"This project dovetails with the town's vision for north Kennedy," he said. "It will attract developers and visitors alike." 🐦

HIGHLAND COUNTING ON RESIDENTS FOR 2020 CENSUS

Highland wants everyone to know you count.

The countdown is on for the 2020 census, which will begin in Toksook Bay, Alaska one year from now. Between now and then, there will be dozens of venues promoting the census, not the least of which is Highland.

Council President Mark Herak said not only do census numbers determine how Congressional district lines are drawn, they determine funding for population-driven programs.

To maximize complete and accurate counts, Herak said Highland has plans to:

- ✓ Form a speakers bureau in coordination with the U.S. Census Bureau to make presentations to civic groups and clubs.
- ✓ Organize a complete count special initiative in neighborhoods that experienced lower return rates in 2010.
- ✓ Promote the count initiative on radio, television, print and social media. 🐦

DID YOU KNOW?

The U.S. government spent \$14.5 billion, recruiting 3.8 million staffers and partnering with 255,000 private and public partners to ensure the 2010 Census went off without a hitch.

Census numbers determine the distribution of billions in federal and state aid to cities and towns. In all, there are nearly 170 federal programs funded based on census counts.

CRIME WATCH MEETING

Learn about crime trends in your neighborhood as well as innovative ways Highland police are fighting the bad guys during our Crime Watch meetings.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. **JANUARY 9**

WHERE: Highland Police Department Community Room

CALLING ALL BUSINESSES!

The Highland Police department is seeking \$5 gift card or gift certificate donations from Highland businesses. Five or six prizes will be awarded at each Crime Watch meeting to encourage participation. Businesses will be acknowledged.

INFO: Please call Sgt. Shawn Anderson at (219) 838-3184 or email sanderson@highland.in.gov.



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CARDINAL CAMPUS



Highland town leaders join Dr. Claude Gendreau, a veterinary surgeon and visionary of the new Cardinal Campus, during the grand opening of the new state-of-the-art small animal orthopedic and rehabilitation center. [ROBIN CARLASCIO PHOTO]

VETERINARY ORTHOPEDIC CENTER FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD

Before the grand-opening ribbon hit the floor, Veterinary Surgeon Claude Gendreau had put Highland on the map.

When it opened in December, Veterinary Orthopedic Center became the only practice in the country dedicated to small animal orthopedic surgery, treatment and rehabilitation.

Already, veterinarians from Indiana and other locations throughout the country have scheduled visits to see what the VOC has to offer.

The VOC is the first of seven office buildings planned for Cardinal Campus, located at Main and Prairie in southwestern Highland. A three-story boutique hotel will complete the development, which has been fine-tuned to provide ample green space outside and a wealth of green technologies within.

Already registered with the U.S. Green Building Council, VOC is set to achieve the highest level of LEED certification available.

"This has been my dream," Gendreau said. "It is a dream I shared with town leaders, who have become partners in the vision and provided the assistance we needed to make it happen." 🐾

INFO: Visit www.thecardinalcampus.com to learn more about the development's sustainable design features, available office space and the latest constructions news.

ASHLEY FURNITURE

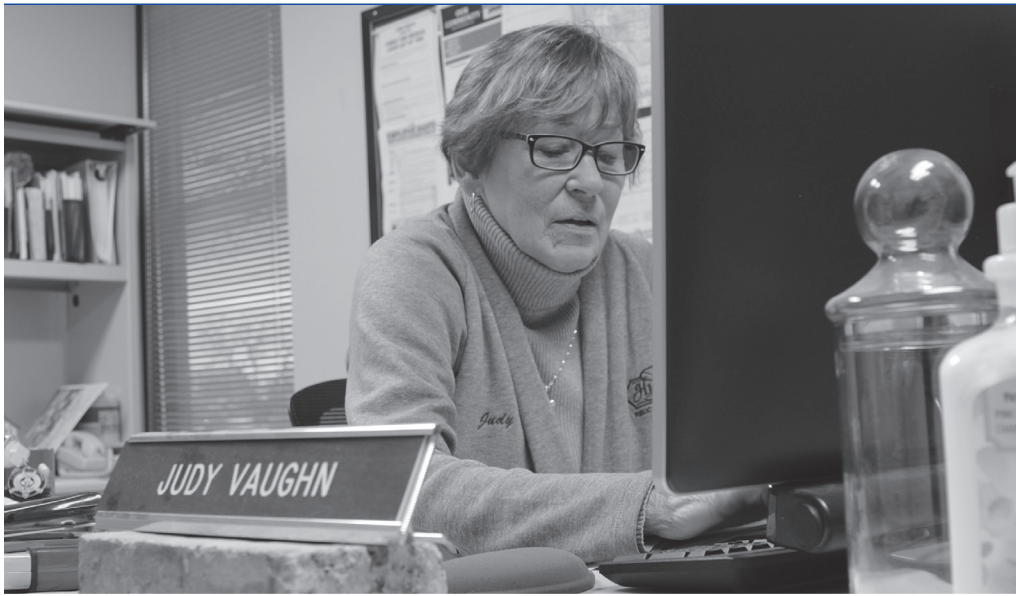
Ashley Furniture has received permits to remodel the former hhgregg at Highland Grove. The national chain has plans to open the 24,000-square-foot free-standing storefront early in 2019.

THEATRE DISTRICT

Interest by developers is on the rise for the former theatre and adjacent properties. Council President Mark Herak said in recent weeks he has been approached by several individuals who have a vision for how the Kennedy Avenue and Condit Street properties could transform the downtown landscape. Stay tuned!

SPEAKING OF THE THEATRE ...

If you represent an organization that provides arts or educational activities in Highland, the Town Theatre Board wants to hear from you. The board is accepting applications from qualifying organizations through January 31. Funds are available thanks to the generosity of local residents who donated to the Town Theatre renovation and agreed that their donation be used to further the arts. **TO APPLY:** Visit highland.in.gov and click on the link to apply.



As a new retiree, Judy Vaughn plans to keep giving back to the town that has given so much to her, including her work on local charitable organizations such as the Lions, Elks and Highland Community Foundation. [JOSH CARLASCIO PHOTOS]

LEAVING HER MARK

When it came to living her best life, Judy Vaughn found it all in Highland.

As a young mother she approached the Highland Police Department with a program known as Ventures in Attitudes.

Thirty-nine years after she launched a career with the town, Vaughn has announced the beginning of another phase in her life — not as a Highland employee but as a volunteer where one of her first initiatives will be to donate time to local youth.

“I went to the police department to sell them a plan to institute a positive mental attitude program,” she recalled. “The next day, I got a call with an offer for a job. I was in college and had three kids in school. I wasn’t looking for a job, but I found I couldn’t say no.”

Ten years in the police department led to a full-time position in Public Works, where Public Works Director John Bach said his administrative



Judy Vaughn has been showing the ropes to Kimberly Webb, who will succeed Vaughn as the Highland Public Works administrative assistant.

assistant has been an asset every day she has been on the job.

“She knows the department and the community. She loves our residents and will do anything she can for them,” Bach said. “We were blessed to find her and lucky to keep her all these many years.” 🐾

Let's play ball!



BABE RUTH REGISTRATION

It's time to register for the Highland Babe Ruth and Travel League.

BABE RUTH: Ages 13 to 15

SENIOR BABE RUTH: Ages 16 to 19

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. **JAN. 19,**

FEB. 2 and 16, MARCH 2

WHERE: Lincoln Center Room 109

FEE: \$200 per player

NOTE: Both divisions are open to any players who reside in Lake County, IN.

INFO: Call Highland Babe Ruth President Lisa Stacy at (219) 381-5331 or hbrinfo@highlandbaberuth.com.



LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Boys and girls can register now for the following Little League divisions: T-Ball, Rookie, Minor B, Minor A, Majors.

LEAGUE AGES: 4 to 12

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **JAN. 19,**

FEB. 2 and 16, MARCH 2

WHERE: Lincoln Center

NOTE: Players MUST turn 4 by August 31, 2019 and reside or go to school in Highland. Birth certificate and proof of residency are required at registration.

ONLINE REGISTRATION: Opens Jan. 1 at www.highlandll.com.

INFO: Email HLL President Kevin Boyd at info@highlandll.com.



SOCCER CLUB REGISTRATION

Spring registration starts in January each year and must be closed by early February in order for teams to be created and declared to the Northwest Indiana Soccer League.

WHEN: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **JAN. 12, 19, 26**

WHERE: Lincoln Center Banquet Hall

TRAVEL TEAMS: The travel league consists of players ages 8 through 14. All players must provide a wallet-sized picture. New players must show proof of age and purchase a uniform — jersey, shorts, socks — from the club.

IN-HOUSE TEAMS: The in-house league consists of players ages 4 through 12, divided into three age divisions. All players receive trophies/medals.

FEE: \$85 per player in person or online. \$5 nonresident fee. \$110 late registration after **JAN. 26.**

INFO: Visit highlandsoccer.org.

GET FIT IN 2019!

Commit to a healthier you in 2019. Join the Lincoln Community Fitness Center and pay no initiation fee! Start working on a better you! From weights to yoga, we have something for everyone.

>> PERSONAL TRAINING

Need some motivation? Our personal trainers will help you reach your goals. Get one-on-one attention with the New Client Special: three personal training sessions for \$99.

>> SILVER SNEAKERS

Lincoln Fitness Center is an official location for SilverSneakers, the nation's leading fully-funded Medicare exercise program for adults 65 and older. If you have a SilverSneakers membership, you are eligible for a pass to our fitness center and these SilverSneakers classes. Visit silversneakers.com to see if you qualify and to register.

>> INTENSATI™

This high-intensity cardio class incorporates dance, aerobics, kick-boxing and yoga while using powerful and uplifting spoken affirmations for a workout that moves your body — and shifts your state of mind. Fees apply.

INFO: Visit highlandparks.org for more information about our fitness center, memberships and classes.

CARNIVAL & WELLNESS EXPO

Highland Parks & Recreation will host a free indoor carnival and vendor fair for special needs individuals. We'll have a bounce castle, basketball, volleyball, crafts, table tennis and more! There will also be wellness vendors on site.

WHEN: 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, **FEBRUARY 3**

WHERE: Lincoln Center Fieldhouse

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

BIDDY BOWLING

Biddy Bowling is a non-instructional five-week program for boys and girls ages 4 to 11. Join us for a game of bumper bowling each week!

WHEN: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, **FEBRUARY 9** through **MARCH 9**

WHERE: Plaza Lanes, 8101 Kennedy Ave.

FEE: \$36 residents / \$39 nonresidents

REGISTRATION: Deadline is **FEBRUARY 8** at Lincoln Community Center.

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

Dads and their daughters — ages 3 to 13 — are invited to enjoy dancing, light refreshments and DJ entertainment at the annual Daddy-Daughter Dance: A Knight for a Princess. Photographers provide one free photo. Extra photos are available for purchase.

7-9 PM FEBRUARY 8

LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER FIELDHOUSE

RESERVATIONS THROUGH FEB. 3: \$20 resident couple/\$25 nonresident couple and \$10/\$12.50 each additional daughter.
LATE FEE FEB. 4-7: \$25/\$30 couple and \$12.50/\$15 each additional daughter. No tickets will be sold the day of the dance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please call (219) 838-0114
or visit highlandparks.org.

